

Rockland Council on Aging
317 Plain St Rockland, Ma.

Secretaries Report

Wednesday July 9, 2014

With a quorum present, Beverly Ladner, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:30.

Roll Call: Audrey Ryan, Lorraine Ahern, Eleanor Cole, Lu Crowley, Chris Kelly, Peter Stonis, John Conway, Jeanne Callahan. Excused: Cynda Childs, John Rogers and Patti Penney. (9 present – 2 members excused plus alternate excused).

Old Colony Elder Services: Agnes Smith – excused attending another meeting

Old Colony Planning: Rita Howes

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting / Secretaries Report: A motion was made by Audrey Ryan to accept the report as read, seconded by Chris Kelly and the vote was unanimous.

Financial Report: A motion was made by Audrey Ryan to accept the report as read, seconded by Eleanor Cole; the vote was unanimous. Current balance: \$45,012.58

Warrant Report: The Bill Warrant was duly signed. Motion by Lorraine Ahern and 2nd by Audrey Ryan to accept report. **Future discussion by members is needed to discuss how to handle warrants on a weekly basic (instead of monthly) so as to prevent any late payments.**

Outreach Report: A motion was made by Lu Crowley to accept the report as presented and seconded by Eleanor Cole; the vote was unanimous.

Director's Report: The motion was made by Audrey Ryan to accept the report as presented, seconded by Chris Kelly.

-Currently the new Senior Center is still without phones which were supposed to be installed by June 4, 2014. Hopefully Comcast will come today and remedy this issue as it is critical to the functioning of the center.

- Air conditioning settings – Monday thru Friday automatically programed with the option of overriding on Saturday if there is an event scheduled. Problem still exists when there is high humidity. Rob is working on the issue.

- Landscaping – finished and looking good
- Currently obtaining email addresses from participants
- The Post Office has been diligent in delivering mail to the front desk and picking up outgoing mail.

- \$150.00 weekly being withdrawn from donation account for additional kitchen help during the summer months. This measure was previously approved.
- Panic bars/ buttons for all doors have been ordered and will be installed as soon as they come in.
- Director Peggy is investigating programs to offer in the afternoon – possible Tai Chi. The mornings are full.
- The Director reported that a bill has been sent to OCES detailing expenditures and requesting retroactive monies from January through the present.
- Currently the Wi-Fi is installed and computer classes will begin in August. This is a very exciting event for many seniors interested in learning the basics of computers.

There was considerable discussion about the preparedness of the new center and how Director Peg Bryan (and all her helpers) has worked long and hard to affect its outstanding success in opening up on time and to a full capacity. Program attendance has more than tripled and still growing. The residents of Rockland are enormously happy that they have a safe place to go during the long hot days of summer. A very special thank you to Dr. John Rogers for his outstanding support in securing this long overdue Senior Center for the town residents.

Old Colony Elder Services: No report

Old Colony Planning Council – No report, no meeting in July

Next meeting August 13, 2014 @ 9:30 AM

As there was no further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Lu Crowley and 2nd by Jean Callahan to adjourn at 9:47 AM, the vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Ahern
Secretary COA
July 9, 2014